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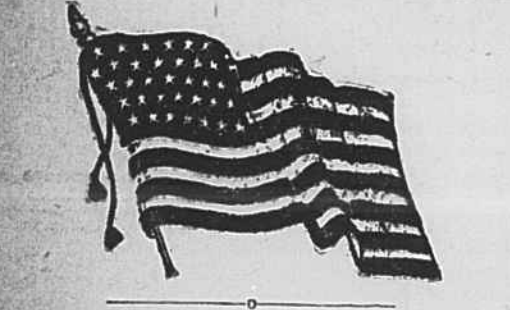
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THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 8, 1917.



A HOME TALENT "CREATION."

THERE will be general endorsement of the decision of the Fairmont Choral society to present Haydn's famous cantata "Creation" with an all home cast. All too frequently these affairs turn out to be mere backdrops for a few imported soloists who have little interest in the community and in whom the community is not much interested. The chorus gets some incidental voice training during the rehearsals, but that is about all, for the singers never see the principles until just before the public presentation and can not be sure whether it is going to be good or bad until it is all over. Such conditions cannot make for important cultural gains.

Some towns are compelled to employ imported soloists for the simple reason that people with the necessary ability are not to be found at home. Fortunately Fairmont is not so poor in the matter of talent. We have in this city an abundance of thoroughly trained musical and histrionic ability and the public will take a great deal of interest in observing how it acquires itself. That night in May on which the Creation is to be sung for the public will carry with it all the thrill that goes with a "first night" anywhere.

WORKS' AMAZING SPEECH.

VIEWED from any angle the speech in the United States Senate yesterday made by Senator Works in which he sought to saddle responsibility for the Lusitania tragedy upon the government of the United States and made the flat statement that the proper course for us to pursue at the present juncture is abjectly to surrender the rights of the nation under international law and take orders from Berlin, was an amazing performance.

There are many people who hold similar views, but as far as the government of the United States is concerned that was all settled early in 1915 when in both houses of Congress the Gore and McLemore resolutions were voted down. That action was formal notice to Germany where the people of the United States stand and there can be no retreat at this time.

But the most exasperating feature of the Works speech is that it was made by a Senator from the State of California. The people of that commonwealth time after time through their legislature have taken the position that it would be perfectly proper for them to rush the nation into a war with a friendly nation because of certain prejudices they hold against Japanese residents within their state. It was with the utmost difficulty that President Roosevelt prevented them from precipitating such a calamity and one

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE CHARTER CASE

FAIRMONT, Feb. 8.—(Editor The West Virginian).—Not willing to be governed by the opinion of the Supreme court of this state nor the unanimous opinion of three Federal judges on the legality of the new city charter, we see the Fairmont Times as now giving editorial space to an abuse of the many good citizens who desire fair and lawful elections and a curtailment of useless and extravagant expenditures of the people's money, were, and are yet, supporters of that charter. Definitely the issue of February 5, 1917, states that the charter "has been in the courts now for about two years and which may remain there as we are informed, that much longer."

By this statement we are to understand that those who have put up the money to prevent the operation of law for the past two years, are still proposing to defy the law and pay the price of an appeal just that certain men in fat offices may continue to enjoy those salaries?

Is it any surprise or wonder that the people are slow to subscribe for the stock of worthy enterprises proposing to locate here, when it is com-

of the first big problems President Wilson was compelled to face was a reputation of the danger. Right now a movement is on foot in that state to force the issue to a settlement at whatever cost to the people of the United States.

It scarcely is consistent in the representative of such a commonwealth to talk as Senator Works did yesterday. His term expires on March 3 of this year. There is a certain amount of satisfaction in that.

GO ON TO THE END.

ALTHOUGH the confession of two Washington newspaper men that they were in the habit of betraying confidence reposed in them at the State department and the White house does clear up the mystery of the peace note leak, it would be a mistake to stop the investigation now, as the Democratic members of the Rules committee are said to be trying to do.

Especially should an opportunity be given to Mrs. Visconti to tell what she knows about the matter, not that there is any prospect that she will be able to throw new light upon the subject, but because it will serve to make people who are not familiar with Washington conditions understand what the real situation at the capital is.

No old maids' quilting club session was ever more completely abandoned to gossip of all kinds than every strata of society in Washington is. The national capital will be able to get along without whiskey very nicely if the pending prohibition bill is passed. It could get along quite as well as any other town on short rations if need be, but it could not exist for an hour without gossip. Six months residence there makes the most virile male human being as fond of the back stairs article as any kitchen mechanic.

Naturally reputations suffer and some times near scandals of national proportions result, as was the case with this leak probe. Having gone as far as it has it is the duty of the committee in charge of the investigation to go on to the end so that the people at the furthest corners of the Republic and its possessions will understand just what kind of "trifles light as air" this peace leak affair was made of.

THE HARRIS HANDBOOK.

YESTERDAY the State Senate passed the resolution giving an official status to the Harris Legislative Handbook, or to give it the name by which it has come to be known in this office, in token of the color in which it is bound, the Blue book. This was the proper thing to do and the House should make haste to follow the example of the upper branch.

The Harris Handbook has been used throughout the state for about a year, which is ample time to test its accuracy and usefulness. In that time it has become one of the most popular reference books in the state, and it is hard to understand how it was possible to conduct the public business of West Virginia without it. Indeed if it were to be dropped now many men would find that it has become indispensable, for it supplies in an instant's time information that could not be had in any other way without a considerable expenditure of valuable time.

In addition to being a great convenience the Harris Handbook is a credit to the state. It is very comprehensive and compares favorably with the state manuals of much older and larger states such as Pennsylvania's Smull's and New York's Red Book.

Among other things that the recent acute shortage of gas did in this vicinity was to postpone an all day prayer meeting in this city and call off an evangelistic service in Worthington. Wonder if that caused any rejoicing in the place where gas shortages never cause any trouble?

The people in the city hall are right. The present is one of the occasions when it is proper to display the American flag.

Tom Ford and Shanghai Kern will have to revise their figures in that supposititious potato speculation. The latest advices say that potatoes will soon be quoted at \$3 per bushel.

Those five Senators who voted against endorsing the government's position with regard to the German U-boat campaign must feel very lonesome today.

The New York legislature is investigating the movie business and some of the tales of woe the big guns among the producers are telling would make tear compelling scenarios in the hands of the right directors. One of them told the committee yesterday that unless a kind providence reduces the salaries of some of the stars the producers will have to go out of business. We hold no brief for the stars, but here's hoping that they stick out for the high pay check until about 75 per cent of the producers do quit. It would be the best thing that could happen to the movie business.

A strange craft has been sighted off the New England coast. So soon? The New England imagination ought to at least wait until war is declared before giving itself free range.

So far the scoring has all been on the German side. Is it possible that the Entente forces are not going to take a turn at the bat?

West Virginia's legislature promises to be unique among the law making bodies in session this winter in that it is not now investigating or planning to investigate anything. The primary purpose of these bodies is to make laws, but they are in danger of becoming periodical prying and snooping carnivals.

mon talk that acts of the State Legislature, and opinions of our highest courts are openly disregarded by boss politicians and sworn officers?

The Times of February 5 states that one of our manufacturing plants was seriously damaged by fire on February 4, and that the nearest water plug was one thousand feet away, making the firemen's work difficult and loss by fire to the plant great. Why? Other things than concern for our factories has had first attention of the powers that be. Is it any wonder factories refuse to locate when no fire protection is offered?

Business man and taxpayer can you understand why the city authorities extended the city water system, or paid for it after it was extended to supply water to consumers out the Country Club road for more than a mile, and yet streets in the Second ward on which more than a score of houses are located have no water or sewerage?

By what authority does the City of Fairmont operate a water system outside the city limits? The Times speaks of the non-partisan manner in which the city transacts its business. It may be non-partisan, but we would like to see the law for much that is done. How about the \$50,000 short in the sinking fund? But we must refrain from talking on this subject or we will be classed as "kickers." We would like to speak of the privilege extended to "bootleggers" previous to the last three elections in Fairmont.

TAXPAYER.

VETERAN PLEDGES SUPPORT

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Feb. 5.—[Editor The West Virginian].—Will you

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY GONDO.)



please give space for this short item in your paper?

I endorse the sentiment of ex-President Taft. He pledges his support to President Wilson in upholding the honor of the United States. And I believe that I voice the sentiment of thousands of my old comrades that were the Blue, and thousands of the boys that were the Grey, should we be forced into this unholy war, they would rush to the defense of Old Glory. Should opportunity be given us, we could take the place of the young and able bodied men. Send them to the front, we could and will fill their places in the rear. God forbid that any foreign foe shall put foot on our sacred soil. Should it happen let every true patriotic citizen of America endorse the sentiment of Patrick Henry, "Give me Liberty or give me death." God grant that nations may cease war and beat their swords into plough shears, their spears into pruning hooks, and may we emulate each other in husbandry and commerce in science and religion.

THOS. REED,
Late Captain Company H, First West Virginia Infantry.

RUFF STUFF

BY RED.

If Senator Works had gone down with the California the Germans would get a Blue Cross.

Well when a Senator works he generally does it for the Grand Stand.

Fourteen years ago today George Straw asked Mr. Blamm what day it is that St. Patrick's day comes on.

Ten years ago today a woman on the East Side dusted her parlor.

Why not start an investigation into the leak which started the Lievenfels in the Charleston channel?

Or as John W. Bricklayer, Jr., says, "A leak investigation."

Have you stuck your flag outside to show that you're an American?

If there's any war your place might be mistaken for a German arsenal and bombarded with Irish 42 centimetre clay product.

Ernest Bell suggested that the lawyers in Fairmont all get together and try to argue the Germans out of it.

We ought to give California to Mexico so we won't have to fight them according to the Hoosier Senator from the Golden State's dope.

And the Mikado will be the Kickapoo of China ere long.

Through the influence of Congressmen Neely, Adam Beshara and family, Lucie Patron and Satow Petros, all good Americans, will be brought from Syria to America.

Thank Mahomed for Neely!

Speaking of preparedness, why not have the city appropriate some money to supply us with machine guns to protect the entrance to the city via the Monongahela river?

What's the use of having a stream like we have if the Germans can't use it?

Martinsburg kid broke a bone for the eighteenth time. And still we're always kicking about always being broke.

When the missus takes your coin think of the Martinsburg lad.

Superfluous words in ads. "Call us on the Bell phone."

As though we take any chances otherwise.

It's toasted! Time to pour the chocolate.

And read about the sinking of the Acahualokun, south of the Lulu Islands.

Editorial Comment

on Current Subjects

THIS NEW BROOM SWEEPS CLEAN

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Up to the present time the most important piece of legislation enacted by Congress during President Wilson's administration is the Federal Reserve Bank law. How well this new law works is amply proved by the Comptroller's report for the year which ended October 31. In that year of our country's greatest business activity there was nowhere in the United States a money squeeze. Interest rates were normal all over the country at all times, a thing unknown in days past when there was an industrial or stock market boom. A very significant feature is that the huge bank reserves under our new law are far more widely distributed than they were under the old national bank act. The West and South kept their reserves at home and did not pile them up in Wall street.

Comptroller Williams emphasizes another important thing. He says national banks, which constitute nearly the whole Federal Reserve system, are now growing faster than state banks, a thing totally contrary to predictions when Congress was debating the new law. In the decade prior to its enactment state bank deposits increased more rapidly than national bank deposits. Since the reserve law went into effect national bank deposits have increased over thirty-three per cent, while trust company deposits have risen but twenty-nine per cent. The new Federal law seems to diffuse banking resources more widely, as shown by the fact that our country's one hundred largest banks are scattered throughout twenty-two states.

WORTHINGTON.

Returned from Virginia.

Measmes Hugh Hess and Elizabeth Snoderly have returned from Lynchburg, Va., where they were called by the illness of Mrs. Hess's sister, Mrs. M. Rogers. They report Mrs. Rogers who underwent a serious surgical operation, is recovering nicely.

Taken to the Hospital.

Charles Eakle, who was injured in the mines last Saturday, was taken to the Miners' hospital at Fairmont on the 5:24 interurban car on Tuesday evening for treatment.

Services Suspended.

On account of the shortage of gas the revival services at the Methodist Protestant church have been suspended until a later date. In the mean time Revs. Lawson and Eaton will conduct a meeting with the Fairview church near Flemington, Taylor county.

Attended Stock Sale.

James I. Michaels and W. E. Shaver attended the sale of registered Jersey cattle held by the Gore Bros. at Gore station on Tuesday. Mr. Michaels purchased fifteen head of cattle.

Personals.

Claude B. Martin, of Shinnston, was calling on friends here on Tuesday. A. J. McDaniel, of the First National Bank, was a business visitor in Fairmont on Monday.

W. H. Billingsley, of Fairmont, was a business visitor here on Monday in connection with the coal deal of Hellen's run coal lands.

George W. Wright, of Annabelle, was a business visitor here on Tuesday.

Oakley Randall, of Fairmont, was calling on friends here Wednesday.

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A SIMP MORAL EDITORIAL

PART 2

(Continued from Our Last)

Well, Tom kept going along at his work like a Hindoo and also ran the Sunday school class on sleep morning. It was there Tom met Minnie Musky, the butcher's daughter and married in Olson's tonsorial studio at the Grand hotel.

It wasn't many months before they both slid up the center aisle for an "until death do us part."

Meanwhile Jerry was going from worse to worse—he could throw seven and eleven with a rubber ball, fooling with politics, and had his eye on a couple of lighthouse boxfighters.

Five Years Later. Same Cast Jerry the boneheaded boob who only filled up space in the room when he went to school is now some rascal. He is alderman of the 2d ward runs a saloon, has charge of a string of pug, cleaned up coin on stock, wears a moustache, brown derby and chews cigars; has the police department under his thumb and is quite some pasha.

Tom is still with Simpson's barrel foundry and has a blister on his thumb from poking the timeclock. He is also teaching his five kids to walk on their hands on account of the high cost of shoe leather.

It's all wrong, all wrong, you hopeful Schwabs and Carnegies.

AFTER SEVEN YEARS

Fairmont Testimony Remains Unshaken.

Time is the best test of truth. Here is a Fairmont story that has stood the test of time. It is a story with a point which will come straight home to many of us.

F. G. Boydston, contractor, 517 Pier point Ave., Fairmont, says: "The 46 creptons from my kidneys were irregular in passage. I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at Crane's Drug Store and in a short time they strengthened my kidneys and regulated their action."

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AT DEATH'S DOOR.

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